

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An adhesive tape application tool for applying an adhesive tape to an adherend having a side comprising an application surface and a projected line portion formed on a side of the adherend opposite the side comprising the application surface, said adhesive tape application tool comprising an application part for pressing an adhesive tape against the application surface and a guidance part comprising first and second guide rollers, said first guide roller comprising a first end having a first diameter, a second end having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter and a tapered portion located between said first and second ends and said second guide roller comprising a first end having a first diameter, a second diameter smaller than said first diameter and a tapered portion located between said first and second diameters, said first and second guide rollers having axes of rotation which are not perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said application part, and said tool being operatively adapted so that said first and second guide rollers contact the projected line portion.

2. (Previously presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein said second guide roller is rotatable around a central axis and movable along the direction of said central axis.

3. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein the adherend can be pinched with resilience by said application part and guidance part, and said tool further comprises opening and closing structure to disengage said application part and guidance part from the adherend.

4. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 2, wherein the adherend can be pinched with resilience by said application part and guidance part, and said tool further comprises opening and closing structure to disengage said application part and guidance part from the adherend.

5. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein the adherend can be pinched with resilience by said application part and guidance part,

and said application part and guidance part can be opened so as to be disengaged from the adherend.

6. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 2, wherein the adherend can be pinched with resilience by said application part and guidance part, and said application part and guidance part can be opened so as to be disengaged from the adherend.

7. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein said second guide roller comprises a second end having said second diameter.

8. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 7, wherein said first guide roller is oriented such that its first end is located on a first side of the projected line portion and said second guide roller is oriented such that its first end is located on a second side of the projected line portion, the first side of the projected line portion being opposite to the second side of the projected line portion.

9. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 8, wherein said guidance part further comprises a third guide roller comprising a first end having a first diameter, a second end having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter and a tapered portion located between said first and second ends, said third guide roller is oriented such that its first end is located on the first side of the projected line portion.

10. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein said first roller further comprises a cylindrical portion located together with said tapered portion between said first and second ends.

11. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein said tapered portion of said first roller comprises a frustoconical shape.

12-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) An adhesive tape application tool for applying an adhesive tape to an adherend having a side comprising an application surface and a projected line portion formed on a side of the adherend opposite the side comprising the application surface, said adhesive tape application tool comprising an application part for pressing an adhesive tape against the application surface and a guidance part comprising first and second elements adapted to contact the projected line portion of the adherend during at least a portion of movement of said tool along the adherend, said first and second elements having tapered portions oriented in opposing directions and contacting opposite sides of the projected line portion of the adherend, wherein each of said first and second elements is a roller having an axis of rotation which is not perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said application part.

15. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 14, wherein said tapered portion of said first element contacts only a first side of the projected line portion of the adherend and said tapered portion of said second element contacts only a second side of the projected line portion of the adherend.

16. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 15, wherein said guidance part further comprises a third element, said third element having a tapered portion being adapted to contact the first side of the projected line portion of the adherend during at least a portion of the movement of said tool along the adherend.

17. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 16, wherein each of said first, second and third elements comprises a roller.

18. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 17, wherein each said roller comprises a first end having a first diameter, a second end having a second diameter smaller than the first diameter and an intermediate portion located between said first and second ends defining said tapered portion.

19. (Previously Presented) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 18, wherein each said roller further comprises a cylindrical portion located together with said tapered portion between said first and second ends.

20. (New) An adhesive tape application tool in combination with an adherend having a side comprising an application surface and a projected line portion formed on a side of said adherend opposite the side comprising the application surface, said adhesive tape application tool comprising an application part for pressing an adhesive tape against the application surface and a guidance part comprising first and second elements adapted to contact the projected line portion of said adherend during at least a portion of movement of said tool along said adherend, and each of said first element and said second element comprising a first end having a first diameter and a second end having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter, with the first end of said first element and the first end of said second element being oriented relative to each other so as to be located on opposite first and second sides of the projected line portion of said adherend, and the projected line portion of said adherend making contact with each of said first element and said second element between their corresponding first and second ends.

21. (New) The combination according to claim 20, wherein the first end of said first element is located on the first side of the projected line portion of said adherend and the first end of said second element is located on the second side of the projected line portion of said adherend.

22. (New) The combination according to claim 20, wherein each of said first and second elements is a roller having an axis of rotation which is not perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said application part.

23. (New) The combination according to claim 20, further comprising a third element adapted to contact the projected line portion of said adherend during at least a portion of movement of said tool along said adherend, said third element comprising a first end having a first diameter and a second end having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter, with

the first end of said third element being oriented relative to said first element and said second element so that the first end of said third element is located on the same side of the projected line portion of said adherend as the first end of said first element, and the projected line portion of said adherend making contact with said third element between the first and second ends of said third element.

24. (New) The combination according to claim 23, wherein each of said first, second and third elements is a roller having an axis of rotation which is not perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said application part.